

RESOLUTIONS
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF GEORGIA,

IN FAVOR OF

Whitney's plan for the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific.

FEBRUARY 24, 1848.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

IN SENATE.

Whereas the construction of a railroad across the continent of North America would make the United States the great highway between Europe and the populous and wealthy empires of Asia—would greatly facilitate our own intercourse with those regions—would tend to consolidate our Union, and to give a fresh impulse to our great agricultural, manufacturing, and commercial interests; and whereas this stupendous work can be accomplished, and the public lands constitute a fund peculiarly appropriate for defraying the expenses of such an undertaking, as a small portion of them would furnish the means, and the value of the remainder would be greatly enhanced thereby; and whereas the plan of Mr. Asa Whitney, of New York, in its great outlines, is, in our opinion, the only practical scheme for the accomplishment of this grand undertaking, which should be commenced as soon as practicable: Therefore,

1. *Be it resolved by this General Assembly*, That we cordially approve of the great features of Mr. Whitney's plan for the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean, from the avails of a portion of the public lands, and we earnestly recommend the measure to the early and favorable consideration of the general government.

2. *Resolved*, That the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to give this measure their prompt attention.

3. *Resolved*, That his excellency the governor be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Executive of each State in the Union, and a like copy to the Senators and Members of the House of Representatives from this State in the Congress of the United States.

Agreed to in Senate 19th November, 1847.

ANDREW J. MILLER,
President of the Senate.
WM. H. CRAWFORD,
Secretary of the Senate.

Concurred in, in House of Representatives, 19th November, 1847.

CHARLES J. JENKINS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

A. F. OWEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Assented to, November 23, 1847.

GEORGE W. TOWNS, *Governor.*

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, GEORGIA,

Milledgeville, February 10, 1848.

The above is a true and correct copy of the original filed in this office.

Given under my hand and seal of office.

[L. S.]

N. C. BARNETT,

Secretary of State.